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## PHYSICIANS TO SEEK CHANGES IN LAWS ON HEALTH SUPERVISION

Want Authority of County Health Officers Vested in State Board of Health and Local Prosecuting Authorities—Claim Co-operation is Lacking.

Fairfield Health Officer's Resignation Due to His Belief That He Was Being Balked in Efforts To Rectify Insanitary Conditions.

On the ground that the system of health supervision in Connecticut is absolutely ineffectual and antiquated, physicians and others will go before the legislature again at the next session seeking a change.

Supreme power in the matter of Connecticut's health will be asked for the state health board and the appointment of sanitary supervisors for each county or city, instead of the present system of health officers, will be urged.

It became known today that Dr. Valery Havard of Fairfield, who has been succeeded as local health officer by Dr. William T. Nagle, resigned his position because he believed County Health Officer George E. Hill failed to co-operate in sanitation work.

Dr. W. H. Donaldson, who preceded Dr. Havard as health officer of Fairfield, resigned for the same reason.

Dr. Donaldson held the position of health officer in Fairfield for many years, doing excellent work along sanitation lines and taking much time from his extensive private practice to work among the poor. Although he accomplished great things, he believed he was continually balked by the failure of the county health officer to act on his recommendations or to prosecute when necessary. He wouldn't be quoted today, when questioned on the matter, but it is known that he resigned for this reason.

His successor, Dr. Havard, who resigned from the position of health officer in Fairfield, was an excellent work in sanitation, was prevailed upon to take the position only after citizens of the town had urged him strenuously to give Fairfield the benefit of his knowledge and experience. Dr. Havard admitted today that he ran against the same snags.

Moral suasion worked in most cases, but some persons were obdurate or neglectful. The customary notices to abate the nuisance within a certain time were sent, after which it was necessary to resort to threats to prosecute. When nothing came of these the persons involved began to look on the health officer as a meddlesome busybody, using discrimination.

It is known that Dr. Havard recently had an unpleasant experience with a more or less prominent family that thought its members shouldn't be quarantined. Cases like these, in which the county health officer fails to lend his support, are said to be of frequent occurrence.

Health officers in this county complain also the county official will not take their word about insanitary conditions but must see them himself before taking a step. It is their contention that his business is merely to prosecute.

The abolition of the lawyer system, with its attendant political feuds and giving the prosecution into the hands of the local authorities, will be the aim of those who go before the legislature seeking reform. They want the state board of health to be supreme in health matters. They will suggest dividing the state into districts and having a competent sanitary supervisor in charge of each.

At the town meeting of Fairfield next fall, an effort will be made to have the voters approve a system of local health supervision whereby two or three towns, Westport and Fairfield, for instance, will hire a sanitary expert. Fairfield, it is pointed out by both former health officers, is crowded in sections and health is being menaced by the methods of official disposal.

Abolition of privy vaults and collection of garbage either by the town or by individual subscription, will be urged.

His Vote For Town Barber As Burgess Prevents Deadlock

Stonington, Conn., Aug. 8.—A voter with humorous inclinations on Monday saved Stonington borough the necessity of spending \$40 for another election by casting his ballot for the village barber, Anthony Squadrino, for burgess instead of for either of the regularly nominated candidates. This gave the election to James L. Stivers, Republican, by a vote of 52 to 51. This special election followed the regular election a week ago when Stivers and Robert L. Burch, Democrat, were tied with 118 votes each.

Burt Admits Holdup Story Was a Fake

Admitting that his story of being held up at Newfield and Seaview avenues Saturday night and then being thrown into the waters of the harbor was a fake, James Burt of 244 Seaview avenue has contradicted the story which was published yesterday because of his desire to keep \$7.50 instead of handing it over to his brother-in-law, William Warner, and he in money has been given to the brother-in-law, William Warner and he informed the police today that Burt had "faked up" the entire affair.

## SEVENTH DEATH FROM PARALYSIS RECORDED HERE

Bridgeport Has Only Half as Many Cases as New Haven, Figures Show.

The seventh death of infantile paralysis in Bridgeport since the outbreak of the epidemic occurred yesterday afternoon when Antony Simini of 226 North Washington avenue, succumbed.

Three new suspected cases were recorded today and removed to Hillside home. They are Albin Belenkiewicz, aged 2 months, of 72 Summer street, the five weeks old son of Walter Blude, 380 Grand street and Frank Murphy of 82 Poplar street.

The Chamber of Commerce is forming a committee to co-operate with the health board in general sanitation work. The committee of five, three members of which have been selected, will be completed by the end of this week.

The Bridgeport health authorities decided today to take Helen Keminsky of Fairfield, a positive case, into Hillside home. This was done this morning for the protection of Bridgeport children as Fairfield has no isolation facilities.

Dr. Sophian again urged today the advisability of municipal collection of refuse. He said the people of Bridgeport should begin at once to plan for this.

"Accumulation of refuse is a menace," he said. "You'll never have a clean city until you have systematic removal of refuse."

"Chickens, stray cats and dogs, delving in refuse, certainly distribute the germs they acquire over large areas. Especially is this true of cats and dogs. Children pet them and are endangered by infection."

Yard inspections, Dr. Sophian said today, should be unnecessary in Bridgeport. He said that by this time the people should have their yards clean and be in the habit of keeping them clean. His corps of inspectors reported that out of 8,600 yards examined, 6,000 were in good condition, which he thought was a favorable report. But, he declared, even one insanitary yard in 10 is objectionable.

As a result of inspectors' recommendations, 1,000 persons are getting garbage cans.

Dr. Sophian advised parents today not to allow children to fondle pet animals until the epidemic dies out. Because of a misunderstanding, some clergymen in the city have believed Dr. Sophian is suggesting closing churches to adults. Dr. Sophian said this morning that the epidemic here isn't serious enough to warrant such a step, and anyway he wouldn't ask to have the churches closed and allow theatres and other places of congregation to remain open. He said that in the present situation, congregations are dangerous only to children.

Encouragement was derived by Dr. Sophian from the fact that Bridgeport has 30 cases of poliomyelitis as opposed to New Haven's 45. The Elm City and its suburbs have 60 in all, and twice as many have died there as in Bridgeport.

Considering that Bridgeport is 20 miles nearer New York, that it is more crowded and conditions in general are not as good as in New Haven, Dr. Sophian believes that the health measures adopted here are responsible for the less virulent ravages of the disease.

DEATH RATE IN INFANT PLAGUE IN N. Y. JUMPS

Fifty-Three Claimed By Disease As Heat Wave Grips City.

New York, Aug. 8.—The intense heat and humidity wave which has gripped New York is co-incidental with another big increase in the epidemic of infantile paralysis. Only once before the plague got its start six weeks ago were there more deaths and new cases than reported in today's health department bulletin. During the 24 hour period ending at 10 a. m., 53 children died of the disease in the greater city and 133 new cases were reported.

There were 25 deaths and 89 cases in the borough of Brooklyn, while in Manhattan a marked increase in both fatalities and new cases was shown, 16 children dying and 54—a record number—being stricken. One child died in the borough of Richmond, the first of several weeks, but no new cases were reported.

Since the epidemic began on June 26 there have been 5,347 cases and 1,196 deaths.

## MILKMAN FINDS WARREN ROBBED AND INSENSIBLE

Thugs in North End Beat Howard Avenue Resident Into Unconsciousness.

USE RUSE TO THROW HIM OFF HIS GUARD

Highwaymen Got Only \$8.50, Victim Tells Police After Resuscitation.

Held up by two men who first asked him if he would like to engage in a game of cards and then asked for a cigarette, Edwin J. Warren of 1,133 Howard avenue was beaten and robbed of \$8.50 about a half hour after midnight this morning at North avenue and Oak street and was found lying on the sidewalks a few hours later by a milkman. He was not severely injured but his clothes were torn from the rough treatment he received.

Warren complained to the police this morning, saying that he was passing the corner two men spoke to him and asked if he would like to play in a game of cards. He said that he wouldn't play and then talked for a few minutes with the men. Finally one of them saw a pack of cigarettes in the pocket of his shirt and reaching over asked for one. Instead of taking the cigarette he put his hand around Warren's neck and choking him, forced him to the ground.

As he saw the plans of the pair, Warren began to resist but he was no match for them and while one held him on the ground, the other went through his pockets and took the money. Warren knew nothing more of the occurrence until later when a milkman, driving over North avenue, saw him lying on the walk.

He went to Warren's side and after awaking him, took him to police headquarters where report of the holdup was made. Warren furnished a good description of the men and the policemen were notified to be on the lookout for them but as they had committed the holdup several hours before, nothing could be found of them.

## CARRANZA PLAN FOR MEDIATION IS ACCEPTABLE

United States Will Name Commissioners For Conference Soon.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The administration has decided to agree to Carranza's suggestion in its last note for the discussion of points of difference between the United States and Mexico by a commission of six members and will proceed at once to the selection of the three American representatives.

This will be done on the understanding that after the points proposed by Carranza are disposed of, other questions will be taken up. The Carranza government wants to take up the border situation first by the proposed joint international commission but is willing that other matters should be discussed later.

Elizao Arredondo outlined the Mexican attitude today to Acting Secretary Polk who took the information to the cabinet meeting.

New York Sizzles When Thermometer Goes Sky-Rocketing

New York, Aug. 8.—Although the humidity was lower, this city was plunged into another heat wave today, the mercury ascending in leaps long before noon. At 10 o'clock the weather bureau thermometer registered 82 as against 77 yesterday. The humidity was 80 compared with 93 at the same hour yesterday.

That this would probably be the hottest day of the year was indicated by a rise of three degrees in the temperature between 9 and 10 a. m. There have been five deaths and 19 prostrations during the last 24 hours. The forecaster offered no immediate promise of relief.

Sweating Boston Seeks the Beaches

Boston, Aug. 8.—Boston, which enjoyed balmy weather while the middle west suffered intensely, was today getting a taste of a hot wave. At 11 o'clock this morning the mercury had climbed to 82, 11 degrees higher than the mark at the same hour yesterday when the maximum for this day was 90 and was still going up. The humidity was 82. It was the 13th consecutive day without rain.

Thousands sought the beaches and tens of thousands, denied this avenue of relief, clung to the hope for the promised showers or better still, a shift of the wind from west to east.

Fairfield Rubber Co. Workmen Go On Strike

(Special To The Farmer)

Fairfield, Aug. 8.—Twelve workmen employed in the Fairfield Rubber works walked out yesterday morning when their demand of more pay was not met.

Strikes have occurred this summer in three out of the four Fairfield manufacturing plants. Aluminum Castings Co. molders quit a couple of weeks ago, and the J. A. Taylor Foundry molders are still out.

## BROTHERHOODS' BALLOT SHOWS GREAT MAJORITY FOR A GENERAL STRIKE

New York, Aug. 8.—An overwhelming majority in favor of a general strike of 400,000 employees of 225 railroad systems was reported today by representatives of the four railway Brotherhoods at a meeting with the national conference committee on railroads.

Soon after the figures were presented, the conference adjourned until tomorrow to allow the railroad managers to consider the result. Each union read presented his figures in different order. W. S. Stone for the engineers, reported 98.17 per cent. in favor of a strike in the

## BOSTON EXPECTS NEXT VISIT FROM SUBMARINE FREIGHTER; CARGO IS ASSEMBLED THERE.

Boston, Aug. 8.—While it was generally conceded that one guess was as good as another, those who argue that the German submarine Bremen will find refuge in Boston harbor were encouraged today by persistent reports that an outside cargo for the merchantman was being assembled here. According to these reports, which could not be traced locally to a definite source, the cargo will consist of nickel and rubber which are being brought to town in a way to escape observation.

Marine observers who picket the Massachusetts coast, had their glasses pointed east by northeast. They figured that if the Bremen were one of the submarines picked up off Cross Island on the Maine coast yesterday she ought to turn Cape Ann this afternoon. She could hug the coast from Cross Island down and have all the water she needed to draw, within the three mile limit.

This being the case, shipping men were puzzled to know why the adven-

turer should continue submerged when she could, with perfect security from hostile interference, come into port with colors flying. It was suggested that her captain might wish to keep his course a secret.

## WEST ENDERS TO PROTEST SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANS

Say Plant Would Be Detrimental to Interests of 10,000 Persons.

West End residents are vigorously protesting the contemplated purchase of the Wordin estate by the city of Bridgeport for a sewerage disposal plant. It has been conceived by the president of the property owners in that section of Bridgeport between Railroad avenue, Cedar and Burr creeks that the city not only designs to erect a pumping plant but also an incinerating plant where by-products can be loaded directly onto barges for shipment elsewhere by water.

At a meeting of the Hungarian Business Men's association held last night vigorous action was sought to overcome the project and resolutions were adopted calling for an injunction against the project. Attorney Ernest Berger has been retained to take such legal action as may be deemed necessary.

A call for a mass meeting of citizens in the West End has been issued and a definite date will be set within the next two weeks when the opinions of the various property owners in the section will be stated publicly.

It was said at yesterday's meeting of the Hungarian Business Men's association that nearly 10,000 persons are located within a small radius of the proposed site for the pumping station, that two school houses are nearby and that an incineration plant would be detrimental to property values of a large section of the West End.

The officers of the Hungarian Business Men's association are: John Deaso, president; Paul Breiner, vice president; Frank Bolcschassi, treasurer, and Frank Sylos, secretary.

Appraisers to ascertain the actual value of the Wordin tract, which has large acreage near the old Bridgeport reduction plant, which was abandoned many years ago, have been appointed and are now at work.

Emma Fenn Sued To Recover on Note

Emma Fenn of this city has brought foreclosure proceedings against the superior court against Camillo Donatelli of Greenwich. She claims \$2,000 was loaned to the defendant in 1907 and a mortgage on Greenwich property given to secure the note. She alleges the note is due and unpaid.

The Greenwich Sash & Door Co. also brought a foreclosure suit in the superior court today. The action was brought against Marie C. Holst, Martin Holst and others to gain possession of property in Hawthorne beach, Greenwich. It is said the defendants gave the property as security for a loan of \$1,800.

ENGINEERS ON OUTING.

New London, Aug. 8.—About 125 members of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers came here today for the mid-summer outing. A trip on the river and a picnic at Richards' grove were among the features of the day's entertainment.

## SENATE ACCEPTS CONFERENCE BILL FOR LARGE ARMY

No Debate As Upper House Passes Biggest Appropriation Law.

MEASURE TO CARRY OVER \$267,500,000

Development of Aviation to Require Expenditure of \$13,000,000.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Without debate, the Senate today agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill carrying \$267,500,000 for maintenance of the organized regular army and national guard.

The only criticism of the report came from Senator Clapp of Minnesota, who protested against elimination of the LaFollette amendment increasing the minimum age limit for enlistment from 13 to 21 years without consent of parents or guardians. Because of this he voted against the report.

The bill provides for organization of a council for national defense to coordinate transportation, industrial and agricultural facilities in time of stress, for relief of dependent families of soldiers in service on the Mexican border, and appropriate a special sum of more than \$13,000,000 for development of aviation in the army.

## LIEUTENANTS OF POLICE MUST DO TURN ON STREET

Supt. Redgate to Send Officers Out For Two Hours a Day.

In orders issued today by Supt. J. H. Redgate, desk lieutenants are instructed to do street duty two hours every day. Motorcycle Policeman Clifford Gorgas is taken from the motorcycle squad and given a beat to patrol and the men were instructed as to the place they are to purchase their dress coats and overcoats.

The order which states that lieutenants must do two hours street duty every day results from careful investigation by the members of the police commission who believe that the service will be greatly benefited by having the lieutenants make the rounds for a couple of hours a day. While the lieutenants are on the street, the sergeants will be called upon to do the desk work and it will be up to the lieutenants to arrange for the hours on which they are to be relieved. No set time has been designated on the shifts for the lieutenants to go upon the streets. The order became effective today.

As Policeman Gorgas has been a member of the motorcycle squad since his appointment five years ago, his relegation to the patrolling squad came as quite a shock to the other members of the department. Before appointment to the regular force, he was a special policeman and did motorcycle duty in the West End, catching many automobile speeders. When selected to don a regular's uniform, he was assigned to the motorcycle squad and continued his work in the campaign to squelch speeders and violators of the law.

It is rumored that the shift of Gorgas, the dean of the motorcycle squad, is the result of friction between him and Lieutenant Charles A. Wheeler, who has charge of traffic. The motorcycle squad is under the jurisdiction of the traffic officer and as Gorgas' expectation of being appointed a sergeant and placed in charge of the traffic, was not fulfilled, he has been disgruntled, according to reports.

Gorgas will be succeeded on the motorcycle squad by Policeman Arthur Salmon. Gorgas has been assigned to the Third Precinct station and will patrol post 15 on the D shift, which goes on at 11 o'clock tonight. Policeman Michael J. Larney will patrol Salmon's former beat from headquarters on the A platoon.

In the uniform orders, all members of the department who were appointed before June 1 are instructed to purchase their dress coats and overcoats from Meigs & Co. The men in the department who were appointed recently will purchase their dress coats from Levy & Co. of New York, of whom the new uniforms were purchased. The overcoats will be purchased of Meigs & Co. Caps also will be purchased at Meigs & Co.

Fine Motorist Who Was In 3-Cornered Smash in West End

As a result of a collision between an automobile, a jitney bus and a bicycle at Fairfield avenue and Bennett street last night, John Ilkowitz of 232 Pine street, operator of the pleasure car, was fined \$10 in the city court today. The charge of reckless driving against George Stebbins of 25 Scofield avenue, driver of the jitney, was nolleed. John P. Hansen of 49 Bennett street was riding the bicycle and was struck by Stebbins' machine when it was hit by Ilkowitz's car. He was not hurt.

Deputy Coroner Goes To New Haven to Hear Balhuzzi Death Witness

Deputy Coroner Stevenson went to New Haven this morning to attend the hearing on the death of Joseph Balhuzzi, who died in a rooming house at 478 Broad street last Sunday. The deputy coroner has no jurisdiction in New Haven county but will go to hear the story told by the girl who was with Balhuzzi at the time of his death. After finishing in New Haven the deputy coroner will hold a hearing in this city.

It is thought that an overdose of cocaine or other drug caused the man's death. It is said Balhuzzi and the girl, who posed as his wife, returned to their Broad street quarters late Saturday night. Balhuzzi took some powder and later said he had "taken too much of that stuff." In the morning the girl found Balhuzzi dead.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: probably scattered showers and thunderstorms and not quite so warm tonight and Wednesday. Light, variable winds becoming northwesterly.

## TEUTONS RETREAT IN EAST

Russian Army Drives Back the Austro-German Line Along a Front of Fifteen Miles South of the Dneister River, Taking Many Captives.

Berlin Admits Retreat to Prepared Positions—Allied Forces Forced to Give Ground Before the German Assaults Along the Somme.

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—South of the Dneister river, in the direction of Tysienec, the Russians have driven the Austro-German forces back along the whole line for a breadth of 15 miles, it was officially announced by the Russian war department today. The announcement adds that the Russians have captured the town of Tlumach as well as the region to the east of the Dneister river and the ridge of heights there.

Russian cavalry, it is stated, is now pursuing the Austro-Germans south-west of the Kolomea and Stanislaw railway, in Galicia.

The total number of prisoners taken by the Russians in the battles on the Sereth river August 5 and 6, the official statement adds, was 166 officers and 3,455 men. The Russians, in this region, are advancing.

Berlin Admits Retreat

Berlin, Aug. 8.—Strong Russian forces yesterday advanced against the Austro-German positions on the Tlumach-Ottina line to the south of the Dneister river, in Galicia, it is announced by the German army headquarters staff today and the forces of the Central Powers withdrew to previously prepared positions.

FRENCH ROSE GROUND.

Paris, Aug. 8.—French troops made an advance last night in the region of Hill 139, on the Somme front. Two attempts of the Germans to recapture trenches east of Monacu Farm, were defeated.

The Germans early this morning launched a series of powerful attacks on French positions from the village of Fleury to a point north of Thiaumont work. They obtained a footing in Thiaumont work, but fighting is still in progress. The attacks on Fleury were checked.

The French attack north of the Somme was made by infantry operating on the right of the British. In the course of an attack made by the British on Guillemont. The French took 40 prisoners.

BRITISH TROOPS ADVANCE.

London, Aug. 8.—The British pushed forward their lines at places east of Trones Wood on the Somme front, last night, the war office announced today.

## WIFE ALREADY MARRIED, SAYS DIVORCE SEEKER

Herbert Shippee Wants Separation, Alleging He's Second Husband.

Declaring he had been deceived by his wife who represented herself as a widow when in reality she had a husband living, Herbert Shippee of this city has brought annulment proceedings in the superior court against Gertrude Shippee of this city. The couple were married December 14, 1915.

At the time of the ceremony the defendant was already married to Charles Miller of New York to whom she was wedded June 2, 1914. Shippee alleges that at the time of his marriage to the defendant he did not know she was Miller's wife. He asks that the second marriage be declared void and a divorce granted. The suit is returnable to the September term.

Amputate Legs of Cohen, Motorman of Wreck Trolley

Abraham Cohen of 41 Traft avenue, motorman of the trolley car which smashed into the rear of another on Barnum avenue near Bruce avenue at midnight Saturday, was operated upon this morning at the Bridgeport hospital and both legs were amputated. When his car struck the one in front he was wedged between the controller box and seat so tightly that his shoes had to be cut to extricate him.

SCHOONER TAKEN IN TOW.

New York, Aug. 8.—Towed by the United States coastguard cutter Gregham, the schooner Frederick A. Dugan, which became unmanageable off Nantucket Island on Saturday, arrived here today. The schooner, bound from Cardiff, Wales, for Philadelphia, fared badly in storms off the Massachusetts coast.